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DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING DEPUTY TO THE DCI FOR THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: Inquiry by Senator Inouye

This responds to your letter of 27 May 1977, DCI/IC-77-8813, which asks for the Defense Department views on the below listed questions posed by Senator Inouye concerning the article published in the 2 May edition of Aviation Week & Space Technology titled "Soviets Push for Beam Weapon."

-Is it the DCI's understanding that the original 2 May story was reviewed for accuracy and security as claimed by Aviation Week?

ANSWER: The Department of Defense reviewed the story for purposes of security only. An advance copy of the article was provided the Defense Department for review for accuracy with an indication that at least some consideration would be given to changes recommended for security reasons. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs), (ASD(PA)), in coordination with Air Force OACSI personnel, recommended that major portions of the article be omitted for reasons of national security. Some deletions were made. Insofar as accuracy of the article is concerned, the ASD(PA) elected not to recommend technical changes as it did not appear to be in the national interest to correct the poor physics, erroneous conclusions, untrue statements, and tortured logic of the article.

-Is the article contained in the Aviation Week article improperly disclosed?

ANSWER: Yes. This article contains information considered highly classified by the Department of Defense. Some information has not been, and would not be, cleared for public release. Those portions considered to be classified have been identified in a report made to [redacted] Chairman of the DCI's Security Committee.

Damage assessments have also been provided to [redacted]

Please advise if this Agency can provide any further assistance in this matter.

DIA review(s) completed.

B. R. Inman
Vice Admiral, USN
Vice Director for Plans,
Operations and Support

cc:
ASD(PA)
ACSI, USAF

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : John N. McMahon
Acting Deputy to the DCI for the
Intelligence Community

SUBJECT : Response to Senator Inouye Letter on Aviation Week
Particle Beam Story

1. Action Requested: Your signature on the attached letter to Senator Inouye, responding to his 17 May letter (R#7910), in which he raised two specific questions concerning prior review and classification of the information in the Aviation Week issue of 2 May 1977 concerning Soviet particle beam weapons. (Tab A)

2. Background:

a. The senator's letter referred to an editorial comment in the 9 May issue of Aviation Week stating that "appropriate Pentagon officials" had reviewed the 2 May article for accuracy and security. DoD was queried, and by letter of 6 May (Tab B) Vice Admiral Inman, Vice Director of DIA for Plans, Operations and Support, responded.

b. Admiral Inman's letter was used as basis for the letter prepared as your response to Senator Inouye.

c. In answer to earlier questions from the senator, you sent him a letter on 4 June setting forth the contrast between the views of CIA and those expressed in the Aviation Week article. The attached letter deals with a different aspect of the problem, and responds directly to Senator Inouye's 17 May letter.

3. It is recommended you sign the letter at Tab C.

/s/ JOHN N. McMAHON

John N. McMahon

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2 JUN 1977

Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have your letter of 17 May 1977, to Admiral Turner regarding the Aviation Week and Space Technology article of 2 May, on Soviet charged-particle beam weapons.

Appropriate components of the Intelligence Community are being consulted on this matter, and we will respond as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

/S/

Acting Legislative Counsel

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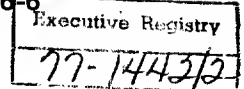
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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505



The Honorable Harold Brown
The Secretary of Defense
Washington, D. C. 20301

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Senator Inouye, Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, has written me citing the following editorial comment by Robert Holtz in Aviation Week for 9 May 1977 concerning the story published in the 2 May edition on Soviet charged-particle beam weapons.

"the Aviation Week story had been offered to the appropriate Pentagon officials for review for both accuracy and security well before publication. Some changes were requested by the Pentagon on security and some, but not all, were made. None was requested on accuracy."

The senator has asked me two questions:

- Is it my understanding that the original 2 May story was reviewed for accuracy and security as claimed by Aviation Week?
- Is the information contained in the Aviation Week article improperly disclosed?

I would appreciate your providing me Defense Department views on these questions for inclusion in my response to Senator Inouye.

Yours sincerely,

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SUBJECT: Senator Inouye Letter of 17 May
Concerning Aviation Week
Article

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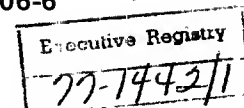
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25 MAY 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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Deputy to the DCI for the
Intelligence Community

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SUBJECT

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Senator Inouye Letter of 17 May Concerning
Aviation Week Article

1. Action Requested: Your signature on a letter to Secretary of Defense Brown requesting DoD views for inclusion in your response to Senator Inouye's letter of 17 May.

2. Background:

a. Reference is the Senator Inouye letter (Tab A) received at ICS on 24 May. As a follow-on to his earlier letter of 3 May concerning accuracy and sensitivity of the Soviet particle-beam weapons, response to which is being prepared by DDI. The senator now cites the Aviation Week claim that the article was reviewed for accuracy and security in the Pentagon prior to publication, and asks whether this is your understanding. He also asks whether the information in the article was "improperly disclosed."

b. At Tab B is a letter for your signature to Secretary Brown requesting OSD inputs on both of the Senator's questions for inclusion in your response.

3. Recommendation: That you sign the letter at Tab B.

/s/ JOHN N. McMAHON

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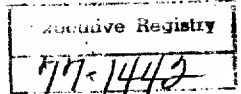
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(PURSUANT TO S. RES. 400, 91TH CONGRESS)

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510



May 17, 1977

IN REPLY PLEASE
REFER TO R# 7910

Admiral Stansfield Turner
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear Admiral Turner:

This letter is in reference to my inquiry of May 8, 1977 on the accuracy and sensitivity of the information that appeared in the article in Aviation Week and Space Technology of May 2, 1977 on Soviet charged-particle beam weapons. During the past week the Committee has had numerous inquiries from Senators and members of the public on both these questions.

In the latest issue of Aviation Week (May 9, 1977) in an editorial Robert Hotz writes that the

Aviation Week story had been offered to the appropriate Pentagon officials for review for both accuracy and security well before publication. Some changes were requested by the Pentagon on security and some, but not all, were made. None was requested on accuracy.

I would like to know if it is your understanding that the original May 2 story was reviewed for accuracy and security as claimed by Aviation Week. Is the information contained in the Aviation Week article improperly disclosed?

As always, your assistance in this important matter is appreciated.

Aloha,

Daniel K. Inouye